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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each listed document is attached.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

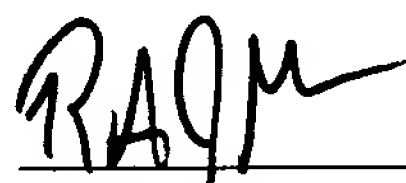
1. Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 2000-187415 discloses an image forming apparatus unit and image forming apparatus in which information storing means is disposed in an exchangeable unit so that the exchangeable unit communicates with an apparatus main body through electromagnetic waves. Also, this publication discloses that one communication means of the main body is used for a plurality of exchangeable units, and information is written in the storing means of the exchangeable unit.

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